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Holly Springs

Jan'y 17th 1863

Dear Belle;

Don't you think
It looks like the correspondence
of the family between it and
myself has at last dwindled
down to you and I. What in
the world is the matter?
A long time ago I had a
letter from Tate in pencil
and she said she was going
to write me a letter that
would make me say enough
long before I was through
with it. But never mind
it will come after awhile.
for God bless my dear sister
she has been sorely afflicted
since that promise and
I know will write as soon as
she is able. I would give a
heap to hear from her today.

I am so sorry Maj Cump did not know Kate was at home. We fully intended trying to get her but could find no one that could tell her anything about her. I saw you so short a time I did not think of asking her. When he comes home to dinner we will talk it over and if she is not hired out we will give her my terms. You can get the best of servants now for \$5.00 and \$6.00 a month even without children. Hannah nurses, cleans up and does our washing for \$10.00, and it is more than I would give any body else for she is so trusty. I would not give her up, but she will not be fit for anything much longer. I suppose the servants will

State of North Carolina
Currituck County

Know all men by these presents that I B. A. Bray of the State and County aforesaid, for and in consideration of the Sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars to me in hand paid by Edmund D. Bray of the County of Shelby State of Tennessee the receipt of which is acknowledged, have given granted bargained sold and conveyed, and by these presents do give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Edmund D. Bray his heirs and assigns, all my right title and interest, in and to that piece or parcel of land lying and being in said County, on Tull Creek, formerly belonging to John Doney, and conveyed by him in trust to J. W. Baxter and by Baxter and Doney to me, reference to which Deeds in Register's Office of Currituck will fully show the boundaries said tract of land containing eighty five (85) acres more or less.

To have and to hold ^{all my interest in} said piece or parcel of land with appurtenances and improvements unto the said Edmund D. Bray his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever, hereby warranting and defending the same to said Edmund D. Bray his heirs and assigns forever.

Witness my hand and seal this 25 day of January
AD 1868.

Test

Wm. F. Martin Secy

Edmund D. Bray Seal



State of North Carolina

Cumtuck County

} Office of Court of Pleas
and Quarter Sessions Feb. 27 1868

Be it known that the foregoing deed from B. C. Bray
to Edmund D. Bray is this day exhibited before me for
probate, and the execution of the same proved by the oath
of Wm. F. Martin a subscribing witness thereto in due
form ordered registered — Attest J. M. Battenbelle

B. A. Bray

To E. Duce

Edmund B. Bray

Registered in Book
No 67. page 79.
B. A. Bray P. R.
for W. Baxter

Eliz City Feb 14/1868.

My dear Sir

Your Brother in the Settlement of some of his matters has been compelled to purchase the tract of land known as the Doby Land. He has made a deed for the same to you, which deed is now held by me for you, to become absolute upon my receiving from you the enclosed papers, executed by you.

Sign the note for \$1500.00 and direct me to put stamps on it - Sign the Agreement enclosed. When these are received by me I will have the deed from B. A. Bray to you Registered.

We are all tolerable - hope you are well and making plenty of money -

Yours truly
Wm F. Martin

Edmund D. Bray Esq }
Memphis }
Tenn }

Elizabeth City: N. C.

May 9th 1868

Dear Sir.

Enclosed you will find
the two deeds from B. W. Bray to
you, duly registered &c

All of your people are well -
We are all in tolerable health
here -

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly

Wm. L. Martin

per W.

Edmund D. Bray.

Memphis.

Tennessee

From Wm F. Martin

Elizabeth City

N. Carolina

will stay at home as I
hear of some changing their
homes if they can keep
them. I am so sorry Laura
has a baby. Tell Kate. Kate
has her picture of Mary and
I am too poor to have
any more taken. I don't
know where Selma is; but
if any body ever gets to the
end of their row. she will
be certain to reach her very
soon.

I am having a very, very
pleasant time. I have the
back room. He brought
Flora. Nellie and "Daughter".
with us. "Lou" ran off and
I gave "Becky" to cousin Jane.
John we sold to Mrs Dickens
with all the other chickens but
Goodman and Nigger. I had
just given Flora to Dr Erlson

June 1st 1868

Laurens
Currituck Co,
N. Carolina

Dear Bro.

I received your letter of
Apr. 20th last and was very glad
you were enjoying such good health
and getting along so well. Col. Martin
has got the deeds, I had them registered
and give them to him myself I should
suppose you had them by this time, it is
all very satisfactory to me and I am very
much obliged to you for it - The Herring
you want I bought some at the Court
House for you and were all hurt so
bad I shall not send them to you
if they had of been good you would
of had them before this, the ^{first} chance I
get if they are good I will send you
some. I wrote just before I received your
last letter when I suppose ^{you} got - I am getting
along very well taking the times as they are

we are very backward this season
(more) so than any year I have ever known
we have had continual rain from the com-
-mencement of the year up to the
present its now so wet we cannot plough
althoug if I should ^{have} no more rain and
we have it seasonable I can do very
well my corn looks very well - write me
if you have received those deeds from
Colo. Martin, give my love to Lydia when
you see or write her, Jack Tunn has quit
writing I have written him several times and
have not received any answer -

My Wife and Children sends there best
love to you - (Money never was so scarce
in this country as it is now and if the
people should fail in in making good
crops it will be awful - Andrew is work-
ing along and in good health and all
of ~~his~~ family write soon
A.B.

My health is bad so
I cannot do much but
I think I will get well soon
B.H.B.

Your affectionate
Bro
Wm. J. Proy

the day before your letter
came, and he was very proud
of her, and she is a great
pet in the "family of boys".
but I did hate to part
with her. she was so devoted
to Mary. who cried very much
when she saw her going.

Poor Lallie Cottrell I don't
believe she will ever be as
happy any where as even a
servant with some member
of our family.

Oh! Belle how can I ever
be sufficiently thankful to
you for what you have
done and you insist on
increasing the debt.

Fannie Tapp went to Cuba
It is wash day and Will
has waked up so I will
have to put up my letter
till his next nap.

Edmund D. Bray
Curtis C. Howard
N. Carolina

Curruck
C. H. & Co. June 13/68

Mr. Edmund D. Bray

Care of
Farrington & Howell

Memphis
Tennessee



we are very backward this
more so than any year I
we have had continued
-Predecessor of the

